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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM SAUNDERS
E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YOUR THOUGHTS ON CAMP DAVID STRATEGY

REF: TEL AVIV 10418

1. WE HAD A GOOD DAY WITH THE SECRETARY AT MIDDLEBURG
TALKING THROUGH THE INITIAL PHASE OF OUR PLANNING FOR
CAMP DAVID. IN THAT CONTEXT, WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED
REFTEL. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FACTOR YOUR THINKING AND
HERMANN'S INTO WHAT WE WRITE. OUR TIMETABLE IS TO GET A
FULL BOOK TO THE PRESIDENT ON FRIDAY FOR HIM TO WORK WITH
WHILE HE IS OUT OF TOWN NEXT WEEK.

2. ROY AND I WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE YOUR SPELLING
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OUT A BIT FOR US WHAT YOU MEAN BY "MORE FLEXIBILITY" ON
SADAT'S PART. PERHAPS THE MOST HELPFUL THING YOU COULD DO
FOR US WOULD SIMPLY BE TO TICK OFF THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU
THINK SUCH FLEXIBILITY MIGHT BE EXPRESSED THAT WOULD AC-
COMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE YOU DESCRIBE IN ISRAEL. FRANKLY,
OUR CONCERN IS THAT YOU MAY BE REFERRING TO "TERRITORIAL
COMPROMISE" WHICH WOULD BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR SADAT.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PERHAPS THE CRITICAL POINT IN THE
COMING NEGOTIATION IS WHAT THE ISRAELIS ARE PREPARED TO DO

ON THE WEST BANK IN RETURN FOR A SETTLEMENT IN THE SINAI.
ANY THOUGHTS THAT EITHER YOU OR HERMANN COULD GIVE US ON
THE RANGE OF POSSIBLE VARIANTS IN AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE
MOST HELPFUL TO US. IN THIS CASE, I THINK YOU SHOULD
REPLY CHEROKEE AND SLUG YOUR MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY,
ATHERTON, AND ME ONLY.

CHRISTOPHER

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